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Re: APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC HEARING.

Lower Cotton Valley Zone, Reservoir A, ELM GROVE
FIELD, Bossier Parish, Louisiana.

Dear Sir:

J-W OPERATING COMPANY ("Applicant") hereby respectfully applies for a public hearing to consider evidence relative to the issuance of an Order pertaining to the following matters relating to the Lower Cotton Valley Zone, Reservoir A, in the Elm Grove Field, Bossier Parish, Louisiana:

1. To create one (1) additional drilling and production unit for the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the Lower Cotton Valley Zone, Reservoir A, such unit being shown on the attached plat and being designated LCV RA SU64.
2. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within the proposed additional unit in accordance with Section 10, Title 30, of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, with each tract sharing in unit production on a surface acreage basis of participation.
3. To designate the J-W Operating Company--Rogers 36 No. 1 Well, at the location shown on the attached plat, as the unit well for LCV RA SU64, in exception to the well location provisions of Office of Conservation Order No. 361-E, effective July 16, 1996.
4. To designate J-W Operating Company as operator of LCV RA SU64.
5. To expand the provisions of Office of Conservation Order No. 361-22, effective April 25, 2001, which authorized the downhole combination of production from the Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A, the Hosston Zone, Reservoir A, and the Rodessa Formation, Reservoir A, as to the units designated CV RA SU5, HOSS RA SU5 and ROD RB SUF (each of such units covering the entirety of Section 36, Township 17 North, Range 12 West, Bossier Parish, Louisiana) to include the Lower Cotton Valley Zone, Reservoir A, in and under LCV RA SU64.
6. To extend, except as in conflict herewith, the provisions of Office of Conservation Order No. 361-E, effective July 16, 1996, to the proposed additional unit for the Lower Cotton Valley Zone, Reservoir A.
7. To discuss such other matters as may be pertinent.

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The Lower Cotton Valley Zone, Reservoir A, in the Elm Grove Field, Bossier Parish, Louisiana, is defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 361-E, effective July 16, 1996.

Pertinent data concerning this application is available for inspection at the offices of Mr. Joe B. Adams, 4520 Jamestown Avenue, Suite 6, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Any person wishing to inspect such data should call Mr. Joe Adams at (225) 929-6097 during normal business hours in order to arrange a date and time for such inspection. A copy of any such pertinent data which is not otherwise available from the records of the Louisiana Office of Conservation can be obtained from Applicant at the expense of the requesting party.

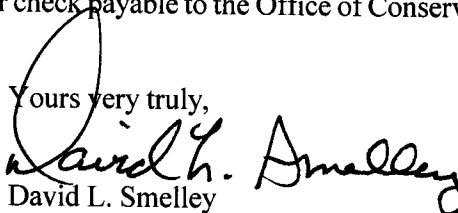
By letter dated August 31, 2001, Applicant gave notice, in accordance with the Revised Rules of Procedure, of its intention to apply for a public hearing concerning these proposals and set September 21, 2001, as the tentative date for the pre-application conference. A single request for the pre-application conference was received but was subsequently withdrawn; accordingly, no pre-application conference was held.

Pursuant to the Revised Rules of Procedure, Applicant has made a reasonable effort to obtain the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties to whom notice of this application is being sent and has attached hereto a list of the names and addresses of such parties. A copy of the unit plat (which is identical to the plat attached to the pre-application notice) is enclosed herewith, and a copy of this letter and of the attached plat is being sent to the District Manager of the Shreveport District of the Office of Conservation and to each of the Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties as shown on the attached list.

Applicant will provide for posting of a copy of the Legal Notice of this hearing and the enclosed plat at a prominent place in the area affected and will cause publication of the Legal Notice in a newspaper published in the general area of Elm Grove Field, all in accordance with the Revised Rules of Procedure. Furthermore, Applicant will mail a copy of the Legal Notice to all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties promptly upon receipt of the Legal Notice from the Commissioner.

Finally, enclosed herewith is our check payable to the Office of Conservation covering the application fee.

Yours very truly,


David L. Smelley
Attorney for J-W Operating Company

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Enclosures

cc: Mr. Jim Broussard (w/encl.)
Mr. Dave Williams (w/encl.)
Mr. Joe B. Adams (w/encl.)
Interested Owners, Represented Parties
and Interested Parties (w/plat only)

